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SUBJECT: FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE

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1. SMITHSONIAN NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH GOM EMBASSY WASHINGTON
FOR MEXICAN PARTICIPATION 1975 FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLK-
LIFE STALLED. REASONS GIVEN: LARGE NUMBER U.S. PROPOSALS
AT ALL LEVELS CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS EXACER-
BATES DECISION PROCESS AND NO CENTRAL BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
OR AUTHORITY YET DESIGNATED TO RANK AND APPROVE PROPOSALS.

2. REQUEST CAO CONTACT AMBASSADOR CABRERA IN MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DETERMINE STATUS 1975 PROPOSAL. IF
PRIORITY OF SMITHSONIAN PROPOSAL AN ISSUE, IMPORTANT
TO NOTE THAT FESTIVAL CITED IN A-5341, JUNE 21, 1973,
PRESIDENT BICENTENNIAL INVITATION TO THE WORLD, AS ONE OF
TWO PROJECTS "...ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL
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BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF U.S.

3. VIEW APPROACHING DEADLINES, SMITHSONIAN IS SENDING ITS
FOLKLORE CONSULTANT PHILIP SONNICHSEN TO MEXICO FEBRUARY

BIO DATA AND FURTHER BACKGROUND AIRPOUCHED. SONNICHSEN
AND SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS HAVE MET WITH MEXICAN EMBASSY
CULTURAL OFFICERS WHO HAVE ALERTED THEIR GOVERNMENT OF
VISIT. SMITHSONIAN HAS REQUESTED PROFESSOR GABRIEL
MOEDANO, JEFE DE DEPARTAMENTO DE INVESTIGACIONES DE LAS
TRADICIONES POPULARES, SUBSECRETARIA DE CULTURA POPULAR
Y EXTRASCOLARE, BE CHOSEN AS FOLKLORIC COUNTERPART FOR
SONNICHSEN. APPRECIATE CAO CONFIRMING MOEDANO HAS
BEEN INFORMED BY CABRERA'S OFFICE OF SONNICHSEN'S VISIT.
WILL ALSO WRITE DIRECTLY TO MOEDANO.

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